

REMARKS

I. Amendments to Specification

The Specification has been amended to capitalize trademarks and remove embedded hyperlinks.

II. Claim Status

After the restriction requirement of January 8, 2008 and subsequent election of Group I claims by Applicants, it is believed that claims 1-18, 20-40, 42-47, 50, 51 and 59 are pending. Applicants believe that the correct status for the Group II claim (claim 56) is withdrawn. Claims 19, 41, 48-49, 52-55, and 57-58 have been cancelled by prior amendment. Applicants thank the Examiner for his allowance of claims 1-18, 20-40, 42-46, 50, 51 and 59.

Claims 28, 33, 34, 36, and 50 have been amended to correct typographical errors. Claim 47 has been amended to refer to “an isolated” host cell. Claim 56 has been amended to delete “or preventing”.

III. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, 1st paragraph

A. Claim 47

Claim 47 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, because the specification, while being enabling for an isolated or cultured cell comprising an expression vector, allegedly does not reasonably provide enablement for a host cell comprising an expression vector.

Applicants have amended claim 47 to specify that the host cell is an isolated host cell. Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

B. Claim 56

Claim 56 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, because the phrase “or preventing” is allegedly not enabled by the specification. In an effort to expedite prosecution, Applicants have amended claim 56 to delete the phrase “or preventing”. As claim 56 was restricted from the pending claims, Applicants respectfully request rejoinder in view of the allowance of claim 1. Claim 56, which depends from claim 1, contains all of the product

limitations of claim 1. In view of the above, Applicants respectfully request allowance of claim 56.

CONCLUSION

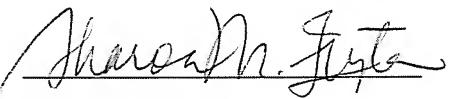
In light of the foregoing, favorable action on all claims is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number set forth below. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0990.

If a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (650) 298-5421.

Respectfully submitted,

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